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Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1876.

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FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.  
Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.  
LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.  
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.  
CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.  
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TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

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Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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Per Case 1 Doz. Quarts, \$13.  
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Hongkong, November 5, 1878. ja1

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
HONGKONG AGENT.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr L. HENNEQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.  
H. DE POUEY, Agent.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.  
J. INGLIS & Co.  
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## NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,  
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Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

## NOTICE.

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Hongkong, September 30, 1878. do30

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BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE, in Splendid Condition.  
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.  
LADIES' GARDENING TOOLS.  
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SHOOTING BOOTS.  
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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY,

the 23rd November, 1878, at 11 a.m., at Her Majesty's Ordnance Stores, Queen's Road, East—

The following UNSERVICABLE GOVERNMENT STORES:—  
Old Bedding, Blankets, Brass, Canvas, Copper, Cordage, Rugs, Parts of Harness, Cast and Wrought Iron, Leather, Cotton Linen and Woollen Articles, Waterproof Sheets, Steel, Timber, Tin, Tents, Zinc, Great Coats, Cement Casks, Packing Cases, Leather Pouches, Pistol Holsters, Zinc Canteens, Camp Kettles, and Various Miscellaneous Articles.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All faults and errors of description to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

F. C. P. SILVEIRA,

For Commy. Gen. of Ord. China.  
Ordnance Office,  
Hongkong, November 18, 1878. no23

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### IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engine'd by Messrs. Ton and McGREGOR, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,000 Pounds exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyd's 90 A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HANFIELD'S Patent Windlass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft, for 3. Bunkers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class order.

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HUGHES & LEGGE,

Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, November 18, 1878. ja20

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(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## Entertainment.

### LAST NIGHT OF THE OPERA SEASON.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY will produce

BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA "THE LILY OF KILLARNEY," In Four Acts, With all its Startling Effects, ON

SATURDAY EVENING, November 23rd, 1878.

MISS OLARA STANLEY AS EILY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:  
Hardress Oregan, Mr H. VERNON.  
Danuy Mann, Mr H. PHILLIPS.  
Myles-na-Coppaleen, Mr J. ROLLINGS.  
Anne Chute, Miss B. DRABGER.  
Mrs Oregan, Miss B. DRABGER.  
Father Tom, Miss P. PADDON.  
Mr Corrigan, Mr MACKINNON.  
Servant, Mr BEAUMONT.  
Shelah, Miss B. DRABGER.  
EILY O'CONNOR, MISS OLARA STANLEY.  
Hunters, &c.

THE CELEBRATED WATER GATE SCENE WILL BE PRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH ALL ITS STARTLING EFFECTS.

#### SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:

ACT I.  
HALL OF TORE OREGAN.

ACT II.  
THE GAP OF DUNLOE.

COTTAGE AT MUCKROSS HEAD.

Mr J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRABGER will introduce the celebrated

MRS MAGOWAN'S REEL.

ACT III.

SCENE 1st.—EXTERIOR OF TORE OREGAN.

SCENE 2nd.—MOUNTAIN PASS.

Interval of Five Minutes.

SCENE 3rd.—THE CELEBRATED GAVE SCENE.

ACT IV.

GENERAL DENOUEMENT.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, Mr F. PANIERA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole direction of

MR H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs KAYES & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

Prices of Admission:  
Dress Circle or Orchestra  
Stalls, Two DOLLARS.  
Pit, ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. no26

## Entertainment.

### GARRISON THEATRE.

THE BAND AMATEURS OF HER MAJESTY'S 74th HIGHLANDERS will, by kind permission of Colonel Jago, give a THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE ON

MONDAY EVENING, The 25th Instant.

The Performance will commence with a Comedy, in Two Acts, by PHELAN HARDWICK, Esq., Entitled:

"A BACHELOR OF ARTS."

To conclude with a Farical Extravaganza, in One Act, by Messrs BROUGH and HALLIDAY, Entitled:

"THE COLLEEN BAWN SETTLED AT LAST."

Doors Open at 8.30; Curtain to rise at 9.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Reserved Seats, 1 DOLLAR.  
Front Seats, 50 CENTS.  
Back Seats, 25 CENTS.

Tickets may be obtained from D. WISHART, Band Sergeant, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1878. no23

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PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to

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THE Spacious Premises being built especially for the production of Portraits and fitted up so as to command the best light throughout all the Hours of the Day is Open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock p.m., under the personal Management of D. K. Griffith, who has introduced all the latest novelties.

#### ENLARGEMENTS AND REDUCTIONS.

In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 19, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "YESSO,"

Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 24th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. no24

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "PET HO,"

Commandant PASQUALANT, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 21, 1878.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE,"

Commandant DE GRAD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 21, 1878.

### AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamship "MECOA,"

Captain MORRIS, due here about the 18th Instant, will be despatched as above early in December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers to New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "MENMUIR,"

(expected about the 18th Instant), will be despatched as above on or about the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

## Sailing Vessels.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/3 L. I. I. Swedish Bark "ALMA,"

O. ORLSSON, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 21, 1878.

FOR MELBOURNE & DUNEDIN (N.Z.)

The British Bark "HOTSPUR,"

Capt. SHAW, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient inducement offers.)

The 41 British Ship "COMMISSARY,"

A. MORISON, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 British Bark "GLAMIS,"

Captain ROLLO, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL







Britain was contented with her position regarding Afghanistan. When suddenly, a thought struck by a genial, shrewd, and well-informed Statesman, the commanding demand was made for have permanent Residents in Cabul "This, no doubt, has been long recognized. It is a move just like the Anglo-Turkish Convention. They are threats of an extensive intrigue directed from every quarter to entangle Russia. England has failed, however, to arm the Mussulman countries against Russia, and has only succeeded in arming them against herself."

**POWERFUL LIGHT GUNS.**—Extraordinary results have attended the trial of an Armstrong 6-inch gun at Shoeburyness. This gun, which weighs only 70 cwt., but fires a very heavy charge in an enlarged chamber, for the propulsion of a comparatively light projectile, has succeeded in penetrating an 11-inch iron target, with energy to spare, calculated as nearly equal to another inch of metal.

**THE CYCL.**—Macklin, one night, sitting at the bank of the front box, with a gentleman of his acquaintance, an undertaker, and a loungeer, the latter of whom was a loungeer stood up immediately before him, and covered the sight of the stage entirely from him. Macklin patted him gently on the shoulder with his cane, and, with much seeming civility, requested "that when he saw or heard anything that was entertaining on the stage, to let him and the gentleman with him know it, as at present we must totally depend on your kindness." This had the desired effect—and the loungeer walked off.

The *Berner Tagblatt* gives an account of a perilous adventure which befel two English tourists about two weeks since.—Mrs. Wainwright, described as an English lady, accompanied by her son-in-law, Mr. Wainwright, attempted the ascent of the Pis Palur, a mountain of the Bernina group. They took with them two guides, brothers—Hans Grass and Christian Grass. The climbers, who were corded together, after leaving the central peak took a westerly direction towards another peak. Christian Grass went first, next to him followed Mr. Wainwright, then came Mrs. Wainwright, and the rear was brought up by Hans. A thick fog came on. Christian, either confused by the semi-obscurity or not exercising sufficient caution, went too near an *arête* (edge of snow), when the snow suddenly gave way under his feet, and he fell down a precipice, dragging with him in his fall the English lady and gentleman.

But the rope was strong, and Hans Grass is a man both stout of body and of vigorous strength. As he saw his brother descending he drew himself instinctively backwards, and by sheer force of muscle and will held the three lost ones suspended in the air. Nevertheless the position was a sufficiently terrible one. Strong as he was, he was not strong enough to drag from the abyss two men and a woman—to stir, to yield an inch even, might be certain death to all—and they were far beyond the reach of human aid. Nothing but prompt courage and ready wit could save them. He shouted to his brother, dangling at the end of the rope, to be on both sides of him, snow above him. The brother answered, "He was alive, unhurt, and ready to help if means could be devised." Hans told him to cling to the ice cleaver and to hold on.

H.K.C. & M. S.-boat Co., \$15 prem.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17  
China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 98  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$95  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$95  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$160  
Chinese Imperial Loan, £108  
Do, of 1877, £107

**Temperature.**

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises,  
Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, November 22, 1876.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	... ..	80.293
Do.	1 P.M.	... ..	80.208
Do.	4 P.M.	... ..	80.200
THERMOMETER—	A.M.	... ..	69
Do.	1 P.M.	... ..	71
Do.	4 P.M.	... ..	73
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	... ..	64
Do.	Do.	1 P.M.	68
Do.	Do.	4 P.M.	63
Do. Maximum	... ..	... ..	71
Do. Minimum over night	... ..	... ..	69



